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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 1, 1999, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II (claims 22-26 and 29). Applicants respectfully cancel remaining claims 1-21, 27 and 28 (Group I) without prejudice, and reserve the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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